[Translation]

Corruption in NDMC

577. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of MPs who submitted written complaints to Prime Minister and Home Minister regarding allegations of corruption against the former Chairman-cum-Administrator of NDMC;

(b) the number of cases of contempt of court pending in the High Court and Supreme Court against the former Chairman;

(c) the number of Income-tax raids conducted in this regard and the details thereof;

(d) whether any legal action has been taken against the said official against whom charges have been established; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) A written complaint was received last year from a Member of Parliament containing some allegations of corruption against the former Chairperson, NDMC.

(b) According to information received from NDMC, there are eight cases of contempt pending in the High Court of Delhi in which the said officer has been named as a respondent. However, no case of contempt is reported to be pending against him in the Supreme Court of India.

(c) No such raid was conducted against the officer.

(d) and (e). None of the allegations made against the officer has so far been established to warrant any punitive action against him.

Vehicles to U.P. Police

578. SHRI CHATRAPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of various types of vehicles provided to the Uttar Pradesh Police personnel in Uttar Pradesh, along with the district-wise details thereof;

(b) whether each police station in the State is provided with at least one vehicle (Jeep), and

(c) if so, the number of police stations not provided a jeep so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). Under the scheme for modernisation of State police forces, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments, for acquiring vehicles for police forces. However, 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, it is primarily for the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to decide on the types of vehicles to be acquired depending upon their local requirements. No information with regard to the number and types of vehicles provided to the Police Stations in districts is compiled by the Central Government.

Environment Policy

579. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have announced or propose to announce any Environment Policy to check the pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of rules and regulations issued so far to check the pollution completely at its origination point?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The Government of India had announced the Policy Statement for Abatement of Pollution on 26 February, 1992. A comprehensive approach has been taken to integrate environmental and development aspects in the Policy Statement. Stress is laid on preventive aspects for pollution abatement and promotion of technology to reduce industrial pollutants. The objective is also to integrate environmental considerations into decision making at all levels. To achieve this, steps have to be taken to :

1. Prevent pollution at source;
2. Encourage, develop and apply the best available practicable technical solutions;
3. Ensure that polluter pays for the pollution and control arrangements;
4. Focus protection on heavily polluted areas and river stretches; and
5. Involve the public in the decision making.

(c) The major rules and regulations issued so far to check pollution are detailed as under:

(i) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974;

(ii) The Water (prevention and control of Pollution) Rules, 1975;

(iii) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977;

(iv) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Rules, 1978.

(v) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981;

(vi) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1982;

(vii) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Union Territories) Rules, 1983;

(viii) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(ix) The Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986;

(x) The Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989;

(xi) The Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989; and

(xii) The Manufacture, Use, Import, Export & Storage of Hazardous Micro-Organisms Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells Rules, 1989.

[English]

Banned Toxic Wastes

580. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
DR. A.K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some countries and corporations producing banned toxic wastes are trying to get 're-defined' the hazardous wastes listed under the Basel Convention;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to block such an attempt at the International Fora?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Security to VIPs and VVIPs

581. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total annual cost being incurred by the Government in providing security to VIPs and VVIPs; and

(b) the amount being spent on NSG and SPG annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The total cost incurred by the Delhi Police, NSG and SPG on the security of VIPs/VVIPs during 1995-96 was about Rs.62.03 crore.

(b) Amount spent on NSG and SPG during 1995-96 is given below :

NSG	-	Rs. 52.06 Crore
SPG	-	Rs. 32.89 Crore

SC/ST and OBC Commissions

582. SHRI P. KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) The vacancy position of the Members and the Chairperson of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Commission and Backward Classes Commission alongwith the date from which these vacancies are lying vacant;

(b) the reasons for not fulfilling these posts in time;

(c) the time by which all these vacancies are likely to be filled up; and

(d) the criteria being followed to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) There is no vacancy in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Commission, but there are, however, vacancies in the National Commission for Backward Classes as given below:

Name of the Post	Since Vacant
Chairperson	23-8-96
Member (Social Scientist)	23-8-96
Member (Persons having special knowledge in mattes relating to Backward classes)	18-8-96
-do-	15-9-96
Member Secretary	14-11-96

(b) There has been some delay as the Ministry is making efforts to nominate capable and committed persons in the Commission.

(c) No time-frame can be given in this regard.

(d) The following criteria adhered to for filling up these posts :

(i) a Chairperson who is or has been a Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court.

(ii) a Social Scientist;

(iii) two persons who have special knowledge in matters relating to Backward Classes; and

(iv) a Member-Secretary who is or has been an officer of the Central Government in the rank of a Secretary to the Govt. of India.